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1. As a result of your approval of the proposal to give JOT wives a "Stateside" briefing as a pilot operation, two such briefings were held--the first on 16 April at 0900, the second on 10 May at 1330, in Room 117, Central Building. At each briefing, the objectives listed in paragraph 2 of the referenced memorandum were met by presentations of the OTR Orientation Officer and representatives of the Medical and Security Offices. The meetings were briefly introduced by the Chief/Junior Officer Training (JOT) Program and concluded with a longer talk by the Director of Training.

2. In general, the reactions of the wives and their husbands were all favorable and in many cases enthusiastic. Comments, either written or oral, have been received from a majority of the families attending. The most favorable and most frequent reaction was the high degree of satisfaction the wives felt in being made, to some extent, partners of their husbands in this business. They appreciate more fully now the importance of the role they play in furthering their husbands' careers.

3. A wide variety of suggestions and minor criticisms have been forwarded to the OTR Orientation Officer for his information. Strong desire was expressed by the JOT husbands that the wives be given more information about overseas assignments. This, of course, would have been inappropriate inasmuch as it is contrary to the objectives of this pilot operation.

4. My own reactions to the meetings were of the same order as those of the audience. I was particularly pleased to have this

opportunity to talk pointedly to the wives and to try to give them a feeling of enthusiasm about the importance of the Agency. Their response was most gratifying. It is interesting to note that throughout the two-and-a-half hours of the briefings, excluding the break, the young ladies gave complete attention to the lecturers.

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